GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Award for Sportspersons
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to give cash award to Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners of Olympic/Asian Games in the year 2014-15 and if so, the number of players given cash award on winning Olympics/Asian Games medal till date;
(b) whether the Government has also awarded special honours to sportspersons who have brought glory to the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has identified those talented sportspersons in various parts of the country who have won many national and international medals but are forced to live in penury and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(d) the steps taken for the assistance of such players under the schemes being run by the Government; and
(e) the details of the sportspersons in various States/UTs benefitted under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline and State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) : Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International sports events including those in Olympics and Asian Games are given under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' scheme of 'Special Awards to
Medal Winners in International events and their Coaches'. Cash Awards to all 6 Medal Winners of London Olympic Games, 2012 and 151 Medal Winners of Incheon Asian Games, 2014 have already been disbursed in 2012 and 2014 respectively. Since the launch of the Scheme in 1986, Cash Awards have been given to all the Medal Winners of Olympic and Asian Games.
(b) The outstanding Sportspersons are conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjun Award, Dhyan Chand Award and Padma Awards to honour them in recognition of their achievements in the field of sports.
(c) to (e) : The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has been providing financial assistance to Sportspersons who had brought glory to the country in sports, but are now living in indigent circumstances under the Scheme of 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons'. Under the scheme, ex-gratia lumpsum financial assistance is given to the outstanding Sportspersons and their family members, whose annual income is less than Rs. 2 lakh, for their medical treatment, alleviating their financial distress, etc. The details of sportspersons / coaches provided financial assistance from the National Welfare Fund for sportspersons during the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.
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